GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3734
ANSWERED ON:19.04.2005
AWARDING OF PADMASHREE AND PADMVIBHUSHAN AWARD TO CRIMINALS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some persons have been awarded with Padmashree, Padmvibhushan and other awards by the Union Government against whom criminal cases are pending;

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to withdraw these awards from such persons; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a)to(d): It was brought to the notice of the Government that certain criminal cases were pending against one person who had been awarded Padma Shri in 2001 in the field of Social Work. Pendency of criminal cases against the said awardee was not within the knowledge of the Government at the time of conferment of the award. A report was called for from the concerned State Government. It transpired from the State Government`s report that several criminal cases against the awardee were either pending in the Courts or were under investigation. It has been decided to wait for the outcome of pending criminal cases against the awardee before deciding on further course of action.